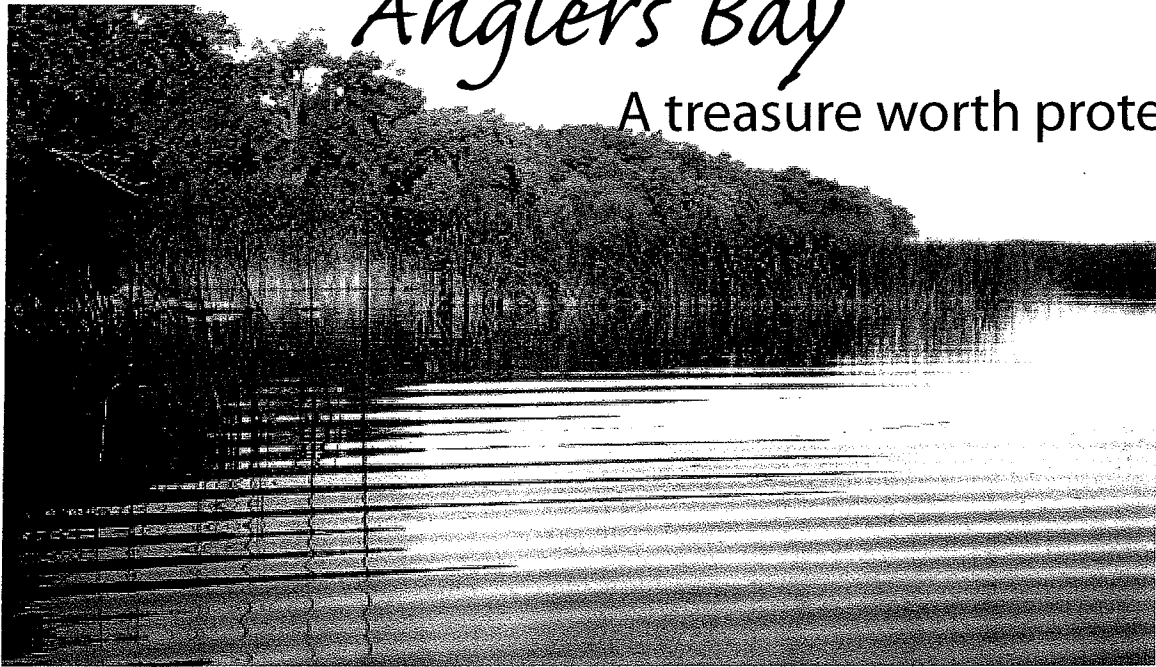


# Anglers Bay

A treasure worth protecting



Steve Anderson

Where can you find a spot at the Iowa Great Lakes that still looks and feels untouched and natural?

- *Where countless youngsters caught their first fish...*
- *Where peace and serenity can still be found...*
- *Where all kinds of birds and fish and frogs and wildlife abound...*
- *Where you and your loved ones can build memories of nature at its best?*

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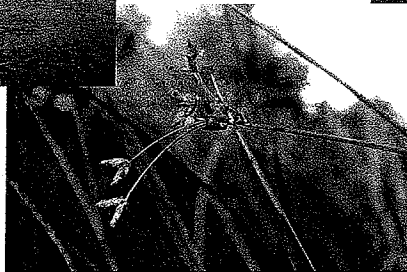
**You can help preserve this special place on Big Spirit Lake**  
plus restore and increase its natural bounty  
for generations to come!



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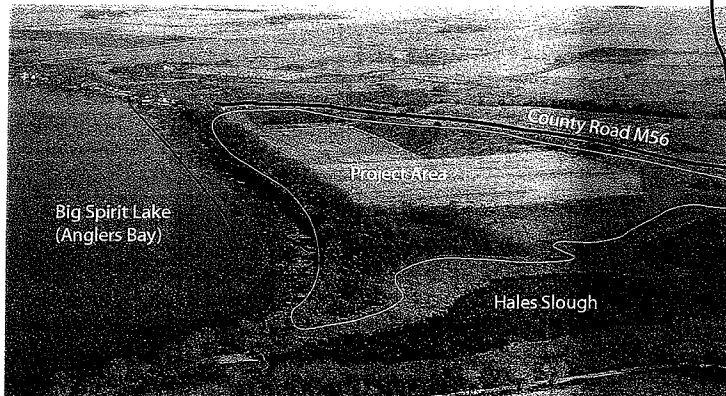


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## Special Features



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### **Location, location!**

**The project site is bordered by:**

- 3,500 feet of shoreline on Anglers Bay, Big Spirit Lake
- Hales Slough (public wildlife area)
- Sandbar Resort and Sandbar Slough (private wildlife area) on the north
- County Road M56



Cathy Engstrom

Along this shoreline grows the **largest, best quality stand of bulrushes to thrive on the Iowa Great Lakes**. It provides essential habitat and nursery for sport fish like muskie and northern that draw thousands to Spirit Lake.

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Aquatic plants like arrowhead and pondweed are essential winter food for ducks, spawning habitat for fish, and feasts for migrating birds. Anglers Bay is **rich in aquatic plants**, including some unusual declining species.

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Don Poggensee

With the adjoining Hales Slough, this shoreline provides some of the **best birdwatching, fishing and hunting in the region**.



**The great fishing at Big Spirit Lake depends on this ecosystem.** Its loss would damage the local economy, where **fishing has a \$2.3 million impact each year!**

## The Conservation Opportunity

Until recently, a proposed housing development would have added 35-50 homes, each with docks extending to deeper water through the bulrush beds. This would have fragmented and ultimately destroyed the bulrushes.

But now the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, with Don and Nancy Yarnes, have created an opportunity to purchase, protect and enhance these 93 acres. INHF will purchase the site from the Yarnes family over the next two years, later transferring it to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

With your help, we can establish a natural area for all to enjoy, with better habitat, better access, and enduring protection.

David Thoreson

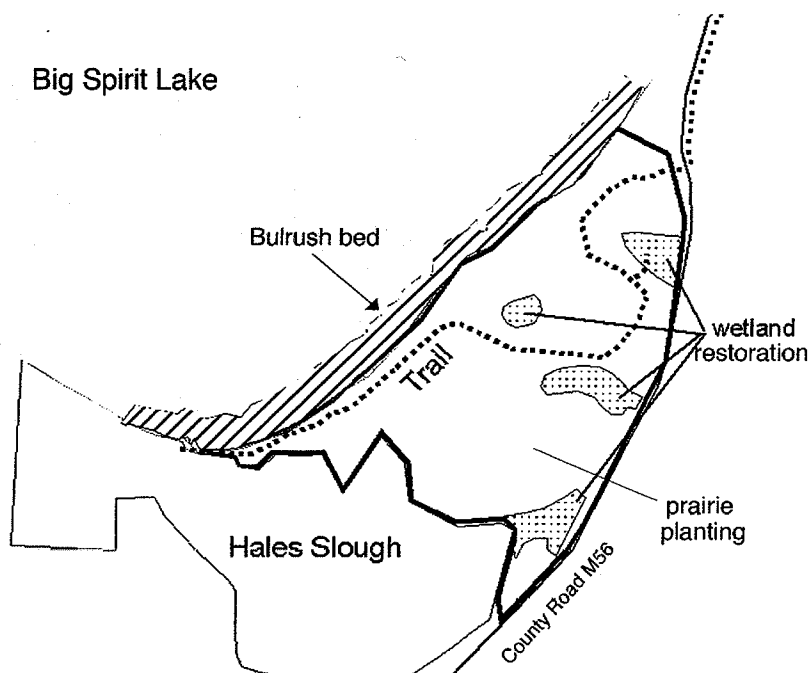


**A trail will hug the shoreline** as a key link in the proposed Spirit Lake trail, making this natural beauty more accessible to all.

Joe McGovern



With restoration, **the blooming prairie will return**, along with scattered wetland potholes like those that once covered this region.



### **Through this project, we are determined to**

- *preserve the lakeshore and associated bulrush bed*
- *restore existing and potential wetlands*
- *establish a diverse prairie on former cropland*
- *provide trail access through the property for the Dickinson County Trail system*
- *add public amenities such as benches, overlooks, and picnic facilities.*

## Funding Goals

**This is a \$6.67 million project**, including the costs associated with purchasing the land, restoring wetlands and prairie, and managing the project. A combination of public and private funds will be needed to meet this funding goal **before July 2007**.



David Thoreson

- *The Iowa Legislature will be asked to appropriate \$3 million over two years to the project.*
- *The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has committed \$2 million over three years from public conservation funds*
- *The Yarnes family provided the first major gift by contracting to sell the land for \$300,000 less than its appraised value.*
- *About \$1,370,000 in additional private contributions are still needed to attract and to supplement the public funding for this project.*

## Help us save Anglers Bay!

### **Your contribution is important!**

Gifts can be made to the  
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

**You can volunteer** to help promote the project  
and encourage public funding of this vital opportunity.



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### *Imagine...*

...walking a smooth trail along  
this wooded shoreline,  
watching shorebirds, ducks,  
and eagles.

....peering down between  
bulrushes to see fish or to cast  
in with a rod and reel.

...watching the prairie change  
colors with the seasons...  
hiking through shoulder-deep  
grasses surrounded by  
flowers, or just noting the  
beauty while driving by.

...taking the grandkids along  
to fish, hike, hunt, birdwatch,  
or simply to enjoy the  
sunshine and serenity.

**...making special memories  
for ourselves and for future  
generations.**